



Consumer Alert

California Department of Public Health

CDPH Finds Mercury in 3 Face Creams

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) urges consumers to **stop using the following face creams:**

- **Chupa Manchas**
- **Nunn Care**
- **Pomada de la Campana** (Tainted after purchase and resold)

CDPH tested these creams, and **each contained the harmful chemical, mercury**. Mercury exposure can cause serious health problems. Creams that contain mercury are advertised to **remove blemishes, smooth wrinkles, and lighten or brighten skin**. Mercury is not a listed ingredient.

People are poisoned when they use these creams. Even their family members and children have been unintentionally harmed from the creams. Pregnant women and unborn babies are especially at risk of mercury poisoning.

The creams shown here contain an even more dangerous form of mercury called **methylmercury**. A California woman used a cream that contained methylmercury, which caused her to have permanent brain damage.

These creams can appear safe by having protective packaging, but they are not. A Florida woman was poisoned after using a sealed Nunn Care.

Beware! Face creams bought at swap meets and from individual sellers online may have mercury added to them.

CDPH tested Pomada de la Campana cream multiple times, and it never contained mercury. Two recent Pomada de la Campana creams contained methylmercury. In both cases, someone added mercury to the creams before reselling them at the swap meet and on Facebook Marketplace. Adding mercury to creams puts **sellers and consumers in danger** of being poisoned.

Do you recognize these face creams?



Chupa Manchas



Nunn Care



Pomada de la Campana
Cream was purchased, mercury was added, then it was resold

If you or someone you know uses any of the face creams that are pictured or described within this consumer alert, please stop using the cream and contact the Mercury Line at (510) 334-8567 or email AskEHIB@cdph.ca.gov.

For more information, visit [CDPH's Mercury in Skin Cream web page \(http://bit.ly/MercuryinCream\)](http://bit.ly/MercuryinCream) to learn about other creams that contain mercury and for educational materials in English and Spanish.